

MRFSS Facts and Figures

Georgia 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
SOUTHERN KINGFISH	373	256	118	117	10.7"
SPOTTED SEATROUT	297	197	263	100	14.6"
RED DRUM	59	25	84	34	17.7"
BLACK SEA BASS	48	39	37	9	11.4"
SOUTHERN FLOUNDER	12	10	19	2	15.2"

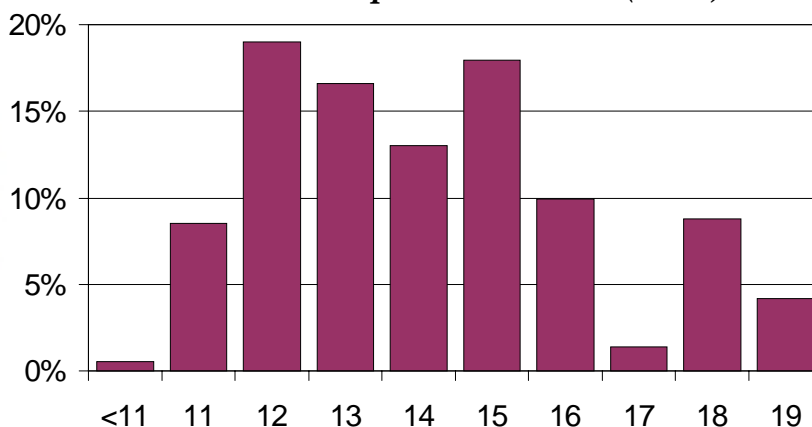
Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

Spotted Seatrout
Cynoscion nebulosus



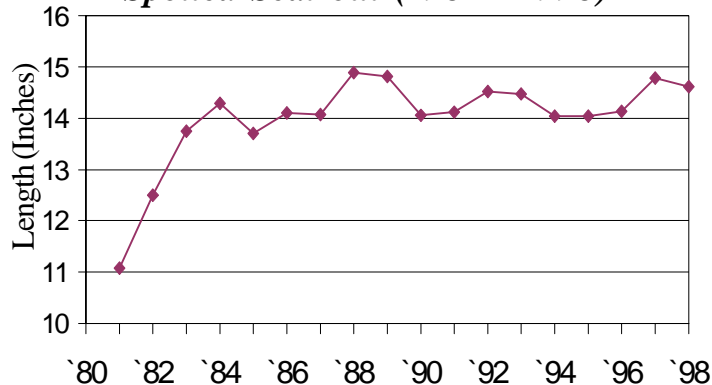
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 95 species of marine fish landed in Georgia.

Length Distribution (in inches)
Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1998)

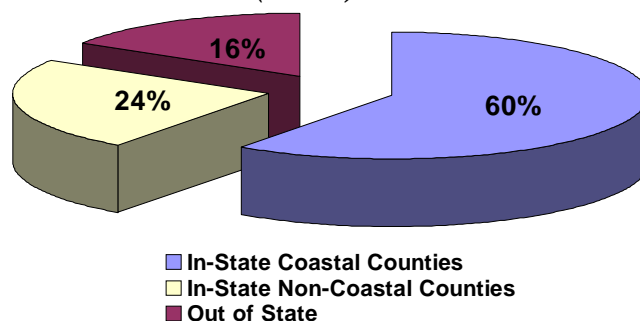


In 1998, nearly 67% of harvested spotted seatrout averaged between 12 and 15 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1981 - 1998)

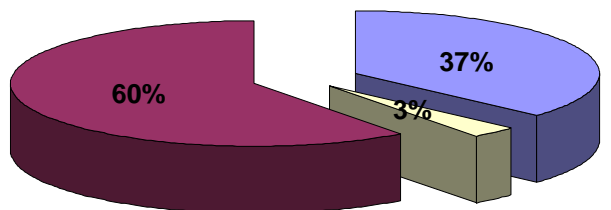


Georgia Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



In 1998, over 115,000 anglers participated in Georgia's Marine Recreational Fishery.

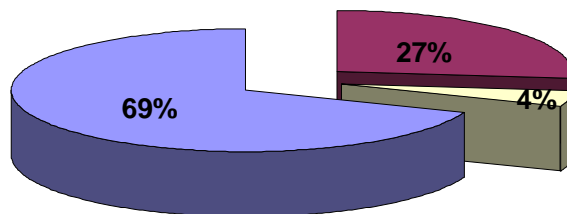
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



■ Shore ■ Party/Charter Boat ■ Private/Rental Boat

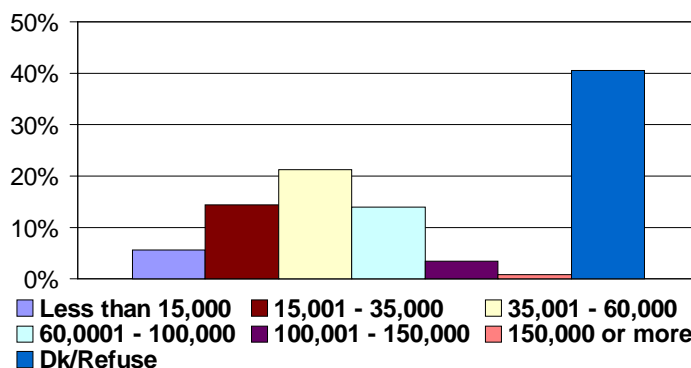
In 1998, anglers took nearly 572,000 saltwater fishing trips in Georgia.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



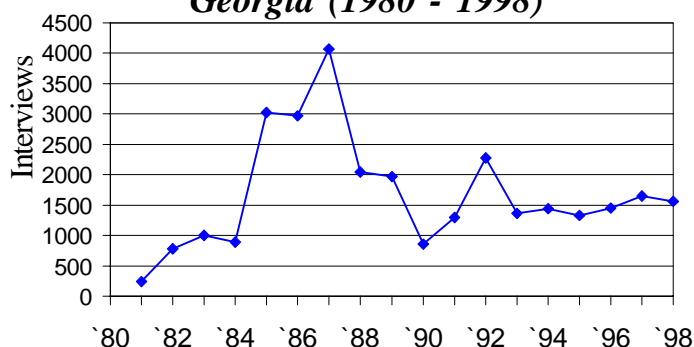
■ State Waters ■ Federal Waters ■ Inland Waters

Income Distribution for Georgia Anglers (1997)



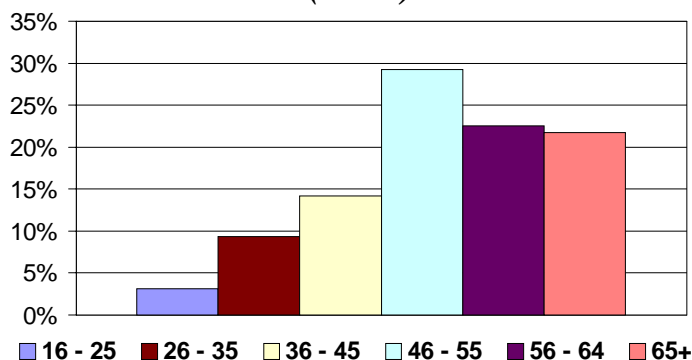
■ Less than 15,000 ■ 15,001 - 35,000 ■ 35,001 - 60,000
 ■ 60,001 - 100,000 ■ 100,001 - 150,000 ■ 150,000 or more
 ■ Dk/Refuse

Number of Completed Field Surveys Georgia (1980 - 1998)



In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 1,566 surveys in Georgia.

Age Distribution of Georgia Anglers (1997)



■ 16 - 25 ■ 26 - 35 ■ 36 - 45 ■ 46 - 55 ■ 56 - 64 ■ 65+

The base MRFSS sample size was increased by 150% for the Southeast U.S. (NC-LA) beginning in 1992. Other large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased sample size.

GEORGIA MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
 Marine Recreational Fisheries Program
 (912) 264-7218 www.dnr.state.ga.us/
 Go to Coastal link then Recreational Fishing

Georgia Marine Fisheries Rules and Regulations
 (912) 264-7218 www.dnr.state.ga.us/
 Go to Coastal link then Recreational Fishing

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
 (843) 571-4366 www.safmc.nmfs.gov
 Rules and Regs: www.safmc.nmfs.gov/safmcweb/Fishid/idregs.html

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
 (202) 289-6400 www.asmfc.org

To purchase recreational fishing license:
 (800) 748-6887
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